

Amendment under 37 C.F.R. §1.111
Serial No. 10/500,303
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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions of claims in the application.

1-5. (Cancelled)

6. (Currently Amended) A material application apparatus comprising an application means for applying a material to a surface of a workpiece disposed on a base, and a movement means that makes said application means perform relative displacement along a predetermined movement track on said surface so as to apply the material into a bead configuration, wherein:

said application means includes a syringe and a nozzle being connected to the syringe and having a discharge port formed into a non-circular configuration; wherein the discharge port of said nozzle is parallel to the surface and is formed into an acute-angled triangle configuration having a base edge portion and a pair of side edge portions constituting two equilaterals longer than the base edge portion.

7. (Currently Amended) The material application apparatus according to claim 6, wherein said nozzle moves in a direction with said base edge portion as said first edge portion and the intersection point of said side edge portions as said second edge portion, wherein said first edge portion is positioned at a front end side in the direction of movement on the track and said second edge portion is positioned at a rear-end side in the direction of movement on the track.

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8-10. (Cancelled)

11. (Previously Presented) A material application comprising an application means for applying a material to a surface of a workpiece disposed on a base, and a movement means that makes said application means perform relative displacement along a predetermined movement track on said surface so as to apply the material into a bead configuration, wherein:

said application means includes a syringe and a nozzle being connected to the syringe and having a discharge port formed into a non-circular configuration; wherein the discharge port of said nozzle is parallel to the surface and is formed into an acute-angled triangle configuration having a base edge portion and a pair of side edge portions constituting two equilaterals longer than the base edge portion and a pair of side edge portions constituting two equilaterals longer than the base edge portion, and

said nozzle is rotatable in the periphery direction thereof in a state that said syringe is not rotated in the peripheral direction thereof.